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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. POLITIKA SEPTEMBER 11 GUSTINCIC ARTICLE HEADLINED "RESERVE IN AMERICA " (DIRECTLY ALONGSIDE ARTICLE ON SAME SUBJECT HEADLINED "MOSCOW:ACTIVE INTEREST") DISCUSSES US PRESS REACTION TO ALGIERS CONFERENCE. GUSTINCIC CLAIMS "OFFICIAL AMERICA HAS NOT MADE ANY STATEMENTS ABOUT THE MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SO FAR", IGNORING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S BRIEF STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 6. (DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S ANSWER TO QUESTION ON ALGIERS CONFERENCE WAS NOTED IN TANJUG BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 8 BUT NOT CARRIED IN CENTRAL PRESS.)

2. GUSTINCIC COMPLAINED THAT US PRESS CHOSE TO EMPHASIZE THE DIFFERENCES WHICH AROSE AT CONFERENCE WHILE ONLY RATHER GRUDGINGLY CONCEDING ITS IMPORTANCE. PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENTS ABOUT

A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE IN THE NEAR EAST AND ABOUT AMERICAN CONCERN WITH SOURCES OF ENERGY DESCRIBED AS "TOO SYMBOLIC A 'COINCIDENCE' FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD TO REGARD AS ACCIDENTAL" AND NOT AIMED AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. PER GUSTINCIC, THIS IS "INDIRECT REACTION IN 'NEGATIVE FORM' AND WHAT THE POSITIVE

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REACTIONS IS OR TO WHAT EXTENT IT EXISTS WILL BE SEEN THIS

FALL AT THE EAST RIVER AND IN NAIROBI."

3. COMMENT: TONE OF ARTICLE GENERALLY CRITICAL OF AMERICAN ATTITUDE AND APPEARS EXHIBIT PIQUE AT WHAT GUSTINCIC VIEWS AS LACK OFFICIAL US ATTENTION TO CONFERENCE. ON OTHER HAND, ARTICLE ON SOVIET REACTION TO ALGIERS (BAJALSKI) CONCLUDES, "DESPITE FACT THAT THERE IS RESERVE IN MOSCOW TOWARDS THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUAL STATESMEN AT ALGIERS, ONE CAN PREDICT WITHOUT RISK THAT THE SOVIET APPRAISAL OF THE RESULTS OF THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE IN ITS ENTIRETY WILL BE POSITIVE".
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